



Neighborhood Watch Monthly Newsletter

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It's your community – Get involved!

Road Safety Starts With You

Traffic accidents are continuously the highest offense that the Police Department deals with. We need your help to prevent them. The purpose of a speed limit is to provide a safe roadway environment for motorists and pedestrians. This speed limit must be acceptable to motorists and enforceable by police.

Give yourself enough time to get where you're going - racing against the clock causes you to brake hard, accelerate quickly and drive too fast, all of which burn fuel needlessly. Listen to the radio for traffic reports on accidents, road construction, and other trouble spots to avoid. You'll save time as well as gas.

Short trips can be especially hard on your pocketbook. Trips of less than five kilometers generally do not allow the engine to reach its peak operating temperature, especially in cold weather. That means fuel consumption and exhaust emissions will be significantly higher than when covering the same distance with a warm engine.

Accelerating is by far the "thirstiest" work you can ask your vehicle to do. Hard, fast acceleration guzzles gas and wears out your engine and tires quicker. You can minimize the need to accelerate by avoiding unnecessary slowdowns or holdups in the first place. That means trying to anticipate traffic disruptions so that you can maintain a steady speed. Racing to a red light or stop sign and then braking at the last minute is a futile and costly habit that wastes fuel and wears out the brakes. Instead, take your foot off the accelerator well in advance of the intersection and coast toward it. The red light may turn green before you get there, so you won't even have to stop.

Aggressive driving in city traffic saves very little time but greatly increases fuel consumption and emissions. It is also hard on the engine and brakes. A European test showed that aggressive driving "jackrabbit" starts from traffic lights and hard braking - reduced travel time by only 4% (the equivalent of 2½ minutes out of a 60-minute trip). However, fuel consumption increased by 39%, and some toxic emissions were more than five times higher. The safer, more fuel-efficient option is to accelerate smoothly and maintain a steady speed.

Speed in neighborhood areas is also an offense that we see often. As a Police Department we are very concerned about this occurrence and as such have developed a program whereby citizens can help us. The Sandy City Neighborhood Speed Watch Program is a public awareness program in which concerned citizens can take an active role of solving the problem of speeding in their own neighborhoods. The program promotes safe and prudent driving by motorists traveling on neighborhood streets. The goal is to educate drivers on the posted speed of the roads and make them aware of the speed they are traveling. It is an educational program designed to raise public awareness about hazardous driving habits. The program utilizes two volunteers working together, one to run radar (provided by the Police) and the other to gather license plate information. If the vehicle is speeding, the license plate information is then turned over to the Police Department and the registered owner of the vehicle is contacted by the Police Department. To participate in the program contact the Sandy City Traffic Sergeant at 568-7200.

Remember, driving is a privilege. With that privilege comes a responsibility to yourself, and to everyone else on the roadway.

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Sandy City Offenses	Alta		Bell		Crescent		Sandy		Total
	Flat Iron	Canyon	Dimple Dell	Bluff	Auto Mall	South Towne	Jordan	Historic	
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	1	6
Alcohol Offenses	6	2	0	1	3	1	12	13	38
Animal Problems	0	2	0	1	4	0	1	2	10
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	5	2	3	3	0	0	11	8	32
Death Calls	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	2	6
Disorderly	0	2	0	0	2	0	3	6	13
Domestics	6	3	0	5	6	6	12	15	53
Drug Offenses	2	6	2	1	11	6	38	21	87
Forgeries & Frauds	2	0	0	0	8	9	5	17	41
Homicides	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Problems	4	1	3	2	19	7	28	22	86
Kidnappings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Property Offenses	20	10	2	12	12	10	23	26	115
Protective Orders	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	5
Robbery	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Sex offenses	1	0	1	2	6	0	2	4	16
Simple Assault	5	2	0	5	10	6	11	21	60
Suspicious Calls	3	1	0	1	2	1	4	2	14
Theft	9	10	0	3	32	27	29	51	161
Threats	0	0	0	1	7	4	3	4	19
Traffic Crashes	17	17	10	6	38	24	85	56	253
Trespassing	1	0	0	2	3	1	2	3	12
Vehicle Burglary	18	4	1	1	10	2	17	24	77
Vehicle Theft	1	2	1	1	2	1	3	8	19
Warrant Service	1	0	1	1	9	3	21	16	52
Weapons Offense	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	0	6
Total	104	66	25	49	186	110	320	323	1,183

Important Contact Information

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	(700 E to State Street, 9000 S to the South border and Sego Lily to the South border)		
Lt. Eining	Sandy Lt. Quadrant	568-7237	jeining@sandy.utah.gov
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